

OSBORNE, UNDER INDICTMENT, IS TO BE REMOVED

"Millionaire Warden" of Sing Sing is charged with perjury, immorality and neglect of duties.

BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEADERS WIRE
Albany, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Thomas Mott Osborne, "millionaire warden" of Sing Sing prison, will be removed from office as soon as a successor can be named formally under the law. This action probably will be taken tomorrow. John H. Tracy, state superintendent of prisons, said today after he had learned of the specifications in the indictments returned against the indictions returned against the Sing Sing executive by the Westchester county grand jury.

No man who is under indictment should continue in the office of warden," Superintendent Tracy said, "and as soon as a successor can be found he will be appointed."

Governor is Surprised

Governor Whitman's comment was limited to a brief explanatory statement when read:

"From the first I have believed the charges against Mr. Osborne's personal character entirely unfounded, and I am astonished at the action of the grand jury. I know nothing whatever of the evidence which was presented to that body."

Osborne was appointed warden of Sing Sing in the latter part of November, 1914, near the close of Governor Glynn's administration. A short time previously he gained considerable popularity by spending a week at Alcatraz prison, where as a part of his study of penology, he lived the life of a convict and was known as "Tom Brown."

Two Indictments Returned

Two indictments containing seven counts were today returned against the warden by the Westchester county grand jury, which has been investigating conditions in the prison.

One indictment charged the warden with having committed perjury in his testimony at the recent inquiry conducted by Dr. Randolph Headling of the state prison commission. The other indictment contained six counts.

The first count of the indictment charged that Osborne absented himself from the prison. The second embraced allegations that the warden failed to perform the duties imposed upon him; that he failed to prevent felonies in the prison and that he failed to report immorality among the prisoners.

The third count charged the warden with permitting convicts to go into the death house to visit Charles Becker. The fourth count charged him with failure to maintain proper discipline and the fifth alleged that he permitted fights between convicts. The sixth count contains allegations against the moral character of the warden in his relations with prisoners.

OSBORNE DUCY ACTION

New York, Dec. 28.—Thomas Mott Osborne, warden of Sing Sing prison, arrived here shortly before 10 o'clock tonight and issued the following statement regarding his indictment:

"At a meeting in Yonkers, some weeks ago, I spoke of the grand jury's performance at White Plains as not an investigation but a censure. The result has justified my assertion."

"Because I have run Sing Sing prison with unswerving honesty and efficiency I have made myself hated by the corrupt political elements that have long utilized the prison for their own foul purposes."

"Because I have reduced vice and disorder to a minimum within the prison, I have incurred the hatred of the ten prisoners who had been granted special privileges at the expense of their fellowmen."

"Because I have served the state to the best of my ability the very machinery of the law intended for the protection of society has been prostituted from its high purpose to serve the vilest and the meanest vileness."

"I have no fear of the result. No jury will be quiet enough to cover up so much to carry this conspiracy to ultimate success."

The warden was asked whether he would give his resignation.

"No, he said, "I will not."

The impression prevailed that the warden would go to jail and there begin the date of his trial.

Mrs. Martinez Dead

Santa Fe, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Andrena G. Martinez, mother-in-law of Alderman Kinsler, died last night at the age of 34 years. She leaves a number of grandchildren and children in addition to four daughters. The funeral took place today from the Methodist Tabernacle, where a service of interment was made in Rosario Cemetery.

Yostkin Loses to Bellant

Boston, Dec. 28.—Albert Bellant of Boston, won the referee's decision over Stanley Yostkin, of Denver, to the end of 100 yards yesterday. The men fought a catch-weight fight. Both men were blind from the first round.

Zerbe in Santa Fe

Santa Fe, Dec. 28.—Santa Fe experienced its first zero weather last night, temperature as low as 2 degrees zero being reported in exposed places. At noon, the temperature in the shade went up to 26 above zero, while in the sun with 14 above zero was registered.

Nationals to Remoyne

New York, Dec. 28.—President John K. Tamm of the National League today issued a call returning to the annual meeting of the league, which was held in this city December 14. The convention opened with a meeting of the American Association in Houston, Texas, on April 1.

Still Pegs Away at the Heavies



TOM COWLER

ESTABROOK FOR PRESIDENCY HAS HAT IN THE RING

Former Nebraska Lawyer Authorizes That State to Place Name on Ballots for Republican Primary.

BOYS OF FRANCE ARE CALLED TO FACE GERMANS

War Minister Says Country Wanted Peace 18 Months Ago, but Now Wants Nothing but War.

TRouble CAUSED BY CONCESSIONS FROM CHINESE

Oriental Again the Footfall of Warring Nations; Charges Freely Made of Violation of Country's Neutrality.

CONGRESS FOR PREPAREDNESS, SAYS SENATOR

Belief of Thomas B. Catron Is That Larger Army and Navy Will Be Result of the Present Session.

That congress will make provision for national defense at this session is certain, according to United States Senator Thomas B. Catron. He took up quick action on the war measure than upon the plan for an enlarged army. Congressional laws seem to be more ready made upon the navy question than upon the army, said Senator Catron. Congress again a former raid force that gave him to his ears rings all the way from nothing to the other extreme.

Catron

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The English press is loud in its denunciation of German activities which have permitted its maritime forces to sail and make head to foreign ports.

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